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SUBJECT:THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

1. IATF HAS RECENTLY PROVIDED TO THE VOLAGS THE FOLLOWING
GUIDELINES CONCERNING RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE.

(A) IF A REFUGEE HAS FORMALLY APPLIED FOR RESETTLEMENT
IN A THIRD COUNTRY BEFORE LEAVING A CENTER BUT SUBSEQUENTLY
ACCEPTS A VOLAG SPONSORSHIP, THE USG WILL PAY ONWARD
TRANSPORTATION ABROAD UNTIL JUNE 30, 1976.

(B) IF A REFUGEE HAS BEEN SPONSORED OUT INTO U.S. SOCIETY
AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY ELECTS TO MOVE TO A THIRD COUNTRY TO
REJOIN HIS FAMILY (HAVING NOT FORMALLY APPLIED FOR RESETTLE-
MENT IN SUCH COUNTRY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM A US
RESETTLEMENT CENTER) THE USG WILL ASSUME TRAVEL COST FOR
SUCH HAMANITARIAN MOVEMENTS.

(C) IF REFUGEE SIMPLY ELECTS TO LEAVE HIS U.S. SPONSOR
AND MOVE TO A THIRD COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN
FAMILY REUNIFICATION, THE UNHCR, ICEM OR VOLAG CONCERNED,
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OR COMBINATION OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, MAY AGREE TO COVER

SUCH TRAVEL COSTS ON BASIS OF INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND UNDER TERMS OF EXISTING REVOLVING FUND PROCEDURES. THE USG WILL NOT FINANCE SUCH MOVEMENTS.

(D) IF INS APPROVES THE ADMITTANCE OF MEMBERS OF A REFUGEE FAMILY TO THE U.S. FROM A THIRD COUNTRY TO JOIN THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IN THE US, COST OF SUCH TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE PAID BY THE UNHCR. WE UNDERSTAND UNHCR HAS AGREED TO COVER COSTS OF 250 PERSONS IN CATEGORIES (C) AND (D). MISSION SHOULD CONTACT UNHCR AND CONFIRM THIS ARRANGEMENT.

2. ICEM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING TRAVEL FOR CASES IN CATEGORIES (A) AND (B) AND WILL BE REIMBURSED BY USG (U.S. MISSION, GENEVA) FOR SUCH EXPENSES UNTIL JUNE 30, 1976. AFTER THAT TIME, ICEM REFUGEE LOAN FUND MAY PROVIDE SOURCE OF FUNDING. LATTER ARRANGEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED.

3. MISSION SHOULD DISCUSS ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ICEM AND UNHCR, DEVELOP REQUISITE OPERATING PROCEDURES AND ADVISE. KISSINGER

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